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To: All Fire Marshals

From: Suzanne Vaughn, Director
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Subject: Burn Injury Reporting

We have received numerous requests for clarifications regarding the reporting of burn injuries. The Office of Education and Data Management is providing you with the following information to assist you.

General Statute Sec. 19a-510a requires all attending physicians, administrators of Healthcare Institutions, their designee or any other Healthcare provider, to report the following treated burn injuries:

1. Second or third degree burns to 5% or more of the body
2. Any burn to the upper respiratory tract
3. Laryngeal edema due to the inhalation of superheated air
4. A burn injury that may result in death.

The law requires immediate reporting by telephone to the Local Fire Marshal in the community where the patient was injured. A written report is required within 48 hours after the patient has been seen.

All Healthcare providers have been sent information on the Burn Injury reporting requirements. A copy of this information is enclosed.

We have updated our web site at www.ct.gov/dps to include the Burn Injury Form and a list of Connecticut Fire Marshals office phone numbers.

If you have any further questions, Jolynn Van Wart is available to assist you and can be reached at 860-685-8372.